

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

1. At page 5, line 8 – 11 of the original disclosure, please replace the paragraph beginning with “a nut body (2)...,” with the following amended paragraph:

“a nut body (2) having a groove (30) formed continuously and concentrically from a circumferential edge of a threaded hole (4) of one seat surface (3) and a plurality of projections (5) formed in the groove ~~[(3)]~~ (30).”

2. At page 9, lines 4 – 7 of the original disclosure, please replace the paragraph beginning with “FIG. 9 is an enlarged...,” with the following amended paragraph:

“FIG. 9 is an enlarged side elevational view ~~in section for~~ showing a fourth embodiment of the present invention in which the projections of the lock nut are provided with an inside fastening nut at their extremities in advance.”

3. At page 14, lines 18 – 23 of the original disclosure, please replace the paragraph beginning with “FIG. 8 shows...,” with the following amended paragraph:

“FIG. 8 shows a lock nut according to a third embodiment of the present invention. The lock nut 1 of the present embodiment differs from the lock nut 1 of the second embodiment described above in that the projection 5 is formed with a screw ~~[[head]]~~ thread 12 threadably engaged with the threaded part 9 of the bolt 6.”

4. At page 14, line 24 – page 15, line 5 of the original disclosure, please replace the paragraph beginning with “According to the lock nut 1...,” with the following amended paragraph:

“According to the lock nut 1 of the present embodiment, the projection 5 is formed with the screw ~~[[head]]~~ thread 12 threadably engaged with the threaded part 9 of the bolt 6. Therefore, forming of the screw head 12 at each of the projections 5 enables the projection 5 to be easily crushed and further causes part of the projection 5 to be easily applied around the threaded part 9 of the bolt 6. As a result, the projection 5 formed with the screw ~~[[head]]~~ thread 12 provides a positive looseness-preventive action against the lock nut 1.”

5. At page 15, lines 6 - 8 of the original disclosure, please replace the paragraph beginning with “Further, the projection...,” with the following amended paragraph:

Further, the projection 5 of the lock nut 1 of the first embodiment described above may be formed with a screw ~~[[head-12]]~~ thread threadably engaged with the threaded part 9 of the bolt 6.